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MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member should realize that we have got so many Demands to cover."

Utilization of the Handloom Cess Fund.

* 319 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state how the amount received from the Handloom Cess Fund is proposed to be utilized?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The answer [a] is placed on the table of the House."

* 320 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount allotted by the Union Government for Madras State from the Textile Cess Fund; and

(*b*) how the Government propose to spend the amount?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Attention is invited to the answer given to question No. 319 (starred) by Sri N. K. Palanisami, M.L.A."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI :—" Carpet, woollen goods ஆகிய இவைகளுக்கும் உதவி செய்ய இந்த கைத்தறி செஸ் நிதியில் ஏன் பணம் ஒதுக்கவில்லை?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" At present, this fund is meant for cloth made out of cotton yarn. The question of woolen, silk and silk-yarn products will have to be considered separately."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know whether the Government have come to final conclusions regarding how to spend a portion of this fund in Malabar? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" No, Sir. The question is being examined."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" My question No. 320 has not been answered."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The Hon. Minister has answered both the questions Nos. 319 and 320."

Recommendations of the Government to the Backward Classes Commission.

* 321 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon the Minister for Animal Husbandry be pleased to lay a copy of the recommendations of this State Government to the Backward Classes Commission appointed recently by the President under Article 340 (1) of the Constitution of India on the table of the House?

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 903–904 infra.

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—"Government have made no recommendations, but are examining in the various departments, collecting facts and answering the questions put to them in the questionnaire. The Backward Classes Commission has been constituted by the Government of India and the procedure is entirely in their hands."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" இந்த ராஜ்ய சர்க்கார், பிற்பட்ட கமிஷனுக்கு ஒரு ரிப்போர்ட்டு வழங்குவதற்குத் தயார் செய்திருக்கிறார்கள் என்று சொன்னார்கள். தாழ்த்தப்பட்டவர்களுடைய பிரச்னைகள்பற்றி அந்த ரிப்போர்ட்டில் எவ்வளவு அடங்கியிருக்கிறது ? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" The Government are hurrying through the preparation of answers to the questionnaire. I may inform the House that we have come to the end."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" May I request the Government to pay first-class attention to one particular Backward Class community, namely, the Vanniyakula Kshatriyas, which had not made any official progress in spite of the agitation for it being carried for the last fifty years? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" The responsibility of this Government is only to answer the questionnaire, Sir."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" The Hon. Minister just now stated that the Government are still preparing answers to the questionnaire. May I know why this Government have taken such a long time and delayed this matter so long? Will this Government consult some hon. Members of this House belonging to the Backward communities, before sending their report to the Backward Classes Commission? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" I did not say that the question is being delayed. I said that we were preparing answers to the questionnaire and that we have reached the final stage."

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" Sir, பிற்பட்ட வகுப்புக் கமிஷனுக்கு சர்க்கார் தனது ரிப்போர்ட்டைக் கொடுக்கும்பொழுது அதில் தாழ்த்தப்பட்ட கிருஸ்தவர்களுக்கும் சலுகை கொடுக்கவேண்டுமென்று சிபார்சு செய்யுமா ? பிற்பட்ட வகுப்புகளிலிருந்து கிருஸ்துவ மதத்தைச் சேர்ந்திருக்கும் மக்களையும் பிற்பட்ட இனமாகவே சேர்த்து அவர்களுக்கும் மற்றவர்களைப்போலவே சலுகைகள் வழங்க சிபார்சுகள் செய்திருக்கிறதா ? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" The responsibility of Government is only to answer the specific questions raised in the questionnaire. We have almost finalized the answers."

SRI E. L. RAGHAVA MUDALIAR :—" Will the Government take steps to see and examine whether the community called 'Vallalas' is really backward or not and if the community is backward, will the Government include the same in the list of Backward communities? "

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Mr. SPEAKER :—" There is no answer by the Hon. Minister. The hon. Member Sri R. V. Swaminathan may now put his question."

Sri R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" May I ask the Hon. Minister whether he will consult the Members of this House belonging to the Backward Classes before sending the reply to the questionnaire, so that they can also give valuable suggestions? " 10-50 a.m.

The Hon. Sri V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" The questionnaire has been sent not only to the Government but also to various organizations of the Backward communities and social workers."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" In view of the existence of a committee known as the Backward Classes Advisory Committee composed of the Members of this Legislature, will the Government be pleased to place the questionnaire before the Committee before preparing the answer and take its views and send them to the Government of India? Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to let me know when the Commission is visiting Madras? "

The Hon. Sri V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" The reply to the questionnaire is already overdue. The Government will have no objection to place the answer before the Backward Classes Advisory Committee at its next meeting."

Sri M. R. RAMACHANDRAN :—" From the reply of the Hon. Minister that the preparation of the answer has almost reached the final stage, it appears that the Government have come to conclusions on the various points raised in the questionnaire. May I know what the conclusion of the Government is on the condition of the Backward Classes which is far from satisfactory? "

The Hon. Sri V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" The Commission has not asked for our opinion. They have asked for certain facts and figures and they are not intended for discussion and argument publicly."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" To-morrow we are going to take up the Demand relating to Harijans and Backward Classes. I pass on to the next question."

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Census of land holdings.

* 322 Q.—Sri S. RADHAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether this State has received directions from the Central Ministry of Food and Agriculture to undertake a census of land holdings by this State immediately and if so, what the reasons and aims therefor are?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes. The main object of the Government of India in asking State Governments to undertake a census of land holdings seems to be to gather information regarding the distribution and